

VIRGINIA PILGRIMS.

Republican Delegations from the Old Dominion Often in Washington.

WHAT IS THEIR BUSINESS?

They are said to be looking for either the Strongest Presidential Candidate or the Highest Personal Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—(Special.)—Virginia Republican delegations pay political visits to Washington for consultation with the managers of the various bodies which are now in full swing in this city. They rarely go away without paying their respects to the representatives of more than one of the presidential aspirants, and frequently they see all of them. These visitors are self-constituted Virginia Republican delegations, who are casting about either to find the strongest candidate or the man who will pay most for delegates to St. Louis. That is really the object of these delegations, and they are not to be taken for granted. Their plan is to appear perfectly independent and unpledged, so as to be open to the highest bidder.

It is actually given out to the presidential team managers that the sentiment in the State is strongly against making pledges of any sort, so as to be able to throw the support of the delegation to St. Louis to the most available candidate. This is said to be the policy of Colonel Lamb, who, whatever the facts may be, is believed here to be a strong supporter of Speaker Reed's. It is well known that the Allan-Waddill faction are strong advocates of McKinley, and that this is the rock upon which the party is so effectually split throughout the State.

REPUBLICAN DISSENT. The factional fight in Richmond over the chairmanship of the city committee is nothing more than the forerunner of the coming general engagement in the State over delegates to St. Louis. One of the recent visitors here said that the party would be thoroughly organized by the time the State convention meets, and would be in excellent fighting trim for the November election. This man can be safely classed as a follower of Colonel Lamb, who, no doubt, will do all in his power to unite and harmonize the party.

The indications, however, point to a very much divided condition of affairs among the Republicans in Virginia, and some people, who are informed, so far as to say that the delegation to St. Louis will probably be not only not united, but very much pledged and divided. It is asserted even now that deals are being made with the Allen and Cullum managers, as well as those of Reed and McKinley. The trouble here seems to be that no one seems authorized to make propositions for delegates in the future, and the entire delegation in search of information and options go away with plenty of the former, which is unsatisfactory, and an absolute lack of the latter.

In the Eighth District there will be a lively fight for the empty honor of the Republican nomination for Congress between Park Agnew and Pat McCaul, with the chances evenly divided. One of the latter, who is entitled to recognition by reason of having borne the brunt of the battle there in several previous campaigns.

VIRGINIA BILLS. Representative Oley to-day introduced a bill for the relief of the treasurer of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons in the town of Keysville, county of Charlotte, and State of Virginia.

Mr. Meredith, of the Eighth District, introduced a bill for the relief of Francis L. Campbell, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions. The claim of the Richmond Locomotive Works, for \$9,000, due by the government for delay on the Texas, has gone through every departmental and congressional stage, and will now probably be placed in the hands of the proper authorities. Instead of the general deficiency bill, as formerly intended, this would insure its payment at a much earlier date.

POSTAL. The mail for Othello, Lancaster county, Va., now goes to Gracepoint.

Service has been established in North Carolina as follows: Philadelphia to Hollaways Crossing (n. o.), one mile and back, six times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed one half hour running time each way, from July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1899.

PERSONAL. Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Watkins, of the Virginia State Senate, was in the city to-day, and had an interview with Representative Oley on the floor just before the House being called to order.

James D. L. Russell, of Wilmington, N. C., who is slated for the Republican nomination for Governor of that State, is in the city, stopping at the Ebbitt House. It is predicted that the Populists and Republicans fuse Russell will be elected, but that is seriously doubted by many Democrats, who insist that the Populists will come back into the Democratic party, and that the Democrats will carry the State.

Russell is an avowed McKinley man, which will array a formidable opposition to him from the supporters of all the Republican aspirants for the nomination for the next year.

The flight Rev. A. A. Watson and wife, of Wilmington, N. C., are in the city, stopping at the St. James Hotel.

Mr. E. W. Barrett (formerly Miss Jane Barrett) is at home, in Danville, on a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. Sothern.

Mr. J. E. Cox, of High Point, N. C., was in the city yesterday, stopping at the Metropolitan.

Mr. E. F. Smith, Jr., of the University of Virginia, is in the city, registered at the St. James.

AT THE HOTELS. Among the hotel arrivals to-day were the following:

Howard House—A. Blakemore, Virginia; R. Jones, Virginia; H. Humphreys, Virginia; C. Clark, Virginia; C. Lewis, Virginia; R. Plattford, Virginia; J. Menifree and daughter, Virginia.

United States Hotel—J. Denton, Virginia; Owen House—H. Warren, Richmond, Va.

Metropolitan—William E. Christian, Raleigh, N. C.; C. A. Cochran, Allegheny, Pa.; M. H. Holiday, Staunton, Va.

Cady's Hotel—H. Dellhamer and wife, Norfolk, Va.

St. James—D. Paul, Woodstock, Va.; T. H. Vign, Virginia; J. C. Outter and wife, N. H. Everett, and Miss R. Stern, Virginia.

The Raleigh—P. W. Smith, Virginia; J. R. Purcell, Virginia.

The Oxford—H. H. Knox, University of Virginia.

Ward's—D. McNamar, Virginia.

Moore—T. Anderson and William Rogers, of Richmond, are in the city, registered at the Raleigh.

Mr. George R. Bull, of Richmond, who has been on a successful business trip to Baltimore, and has been arranging for the establishment of a branch house in this city, returned home this evening.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Spencer B. Castor, of Lancaster county, Va., and Janet C. Campbell, of this city; Ellis C. White and Annie G. Coe, both of Richmond, Va., and John T. Ligon and Hattie Donovan, both of Richmond, Va.

Mr. E. C. Crump, formerly of the Dispatch, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Mr. Isaac Haas, another Dispatch man, has been promoted to be foreman of the

Interior Department of the Government Printing Office. Senator Daniel to-day presented a memorial from the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce protesting against any change of the laws affecting the present system of pilotage; also, one from the trustees of Randolph-Macon College, asking for the appointment of a commission of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain on a matter of dispute.

Senator Martin vetoed the War Department to-day to urge immediate action by the secretary on the joint resolution for the special improvement of Norfolk harbor and Elizabeth River, which was referred to him last Friday.

New Deputy Comptroller.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—George M. Coffin, of Charleston, S. C., to-day entered upon the duties of Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, to which position he has been appointed to succeed Henry Carlin upon the recommendation of Comptroller Eckels. He was appointed Chief of the Division of Issues in 1888, upon the request of Comptroller Trenchum, who transferred him to the position of Chief of the Division of Reports, including examination of reports, in which position he has been retained continuously since by Comptrollers Lacy, Hepburn, and Eckels.

Gold Reserve, \$129,051,825.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The Treasury gold reserve at the close of business to-day stood at \$129,051,825. The withdrawals for the day were \$182,109.

INTERNATIONAL HURDLE RACE.

It is Won by Rothschild's Devil-Hanquet II, Second.

LONDON, March 12.—The international hurdle race (that is, for foreigners) was run at Ascot to-day, and won by Leopold de Rothschild's Devil, c. Bevil, 5 years old, by Sir Boys, out of Sister Louise, Captain Allen's b. g. Hanquet II, formerly owned by M. F. Dwyer, was second, and Mr. J. Tair, Jr.'s, ch. c. S. Sepy third. The distance was two and a quarter miles, over nine flights of hurdles. Ten horses ran.

CRESCENT CITY EVENTS.

NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—Perfect weather, a large attendance, and a fast track ruled to-day. The sport was of first-class order, with the Crescent Handicap, for \$2,500, added, as the feature event. Edith Iley, 13 pounds, at 19 to 1 in the betting, won cleverly from the odds-on favorite, Maurice, but the latter's chances were killed by Nicolini's averting against him at the turn for home, losing Maurice several lengths.

The other races, in which only two favorites proved successful, do not call for special comment. First race—mile and seventy yards—Jim Hogg 100, Hart, 5 to 1 won, with King Elm second, and Ixion third. Time, 1:43.4.

Second race—six furlongs, selling—Trump 68, Comer, 1 to 5 won, with Helen Wrenn second, and Feodman third. Time, 1:17.

Third race—seven furlongs—The Banker 12 to 1 won, with Sky-eye second, and Hanked third. Time, 1:20.

Fourth race—mile and a furlong—Emin Iley 115, Clayton, 10 to 1 won, with Maurice 9 to 1 second, and Nicolini 12 to 1 third. Time, 1:53.12.

Fifth race—mile and seventy yards, selling—Alto June 101, Thorp, even won, with Waterman second, and Jim Henry third. Time, 1:41.

Sixth race—six furlongs, selling—Burt 102, Burns, 2 to 1 won, with Minnie W. second, and Lady McCann third. Time, 1:14.

SEVEN'S MONEY PLANK.

The Ohio Platform Adopted Yesterday Was Written by Him—Favorers "Bimetallism," with "Gold, Silver, and Paper Money of Equal Value," (From New York World, heading and all.)

"We contend for honest money, for a currency of gold, silver, and paper, with which to measure our exchange that shall be as sound as the government, and as unchangeable as the stars."

and we favor bimetallism and demand the use of both gold and silver as standard money, either in accordance with a ratio to be fixed by an international agreement, or, failing that, by the action of such restrictions and such provisions to be determined by legislation as will secure the maintenance of the parities of values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and selling power of the dollar, whether of silver, gold, or paper, shall be at all times equal.—Financial plank of Ohio platform, drawn by William McKinley, and adopted by the State Convention.

PHILADELPHIA METHODISTS.

Action in Favor of Admission of Women to Conference.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 12.—The Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Conference to-day rejected the resolution submitted to all conferences by the last General Conference (1892), recommending the admission of males only to the general conference as lay delegates.

The conference to-morrow will vote upon a resolution which was adopted by the last general conference, and also submitted to the different annual conferences, providing for the admission of men and women as lay delegates to the general body. It is expected that this will meet with affirmative action.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SECURITIES.

Decline Therein Due to Sales by Syndicate Members.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The recent decline in Southern railway stocks and bonds is understood to have been due to sales by members of the syndicate formed to underwrite the Richmond reorganization plan. A few days ago a call was made upon syndicate members for the remainder of their subscriptions, due, amounting to 25 per cent. in anticipation of the distribution of the Southern railway securities, which was made yesterday on the closing up of the syndicate, some of the members sold the bonds and stocks they were already carrying.

FAILURE OF CLOTHING COMPANIES.

It is Due to the Assignment of Rothschild, Baum & Stern.

COLUMBUS, O., March 12.—As a result of the failure of the clothing firm of Rothschild, Baum & Stern, of New York, yesterday, the Union Clothing Company, Solomon M. Levy, proprietor, made an assignment to-day to James M. Butler. The assets are valued at \$100,000. The liabilities are \$125,000.

Minnesota Editor Mobbled.

MITCHELL, S. D., March 12.—Encouraged by the action of the late Mitchell mob, the citizens of Lu Verne, Minn., have taken the law into their own hands and dealt summarily with Editor F. N. Bailey, who it is claimed, had been blackmailing prominent citizens of that place. He was seized by a mob, and beaten and kicked into insensibility, and then dragged through the streets. He was finally rescued by an officer, who was also roughly handled.

The Dry-Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 12.—In the dry-goods market to-day the temperature was still too low for any spirited business in spring lines, either with retailers or jobbers, although the latter have reported a fair day's business.

The primary market continues dull in tone, and whilst prices are without any quotable change in any direction, the market is still an easy one to do business in.

There is no doubting the efficacy of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. It cures every

CAUGHT AT RALEIGH.

SAY THEY HAVE THE RUSSELL MEN WHIPPED.

Bluebirds Appear Again—Richmond Pearson on Ben Tillman—Reward Offered—Mrs. Arrington After Whittaker Once More.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 12.—(Special.)—The cotton-mill to be built at Gastonia is to be 300x77 feet, and two stories high. One million bricks will be used in its construction. A great deal of new machinery is being placed in the Erwin cotton-mill, at Durham, which is one of the largest mills in the State. One of the best-paying mills in North Carolina is the Henrietta.

The Dockery men are openly saying that they have Russell whipped now in the Republican fight for the gubernatorial nomination. They declare that there is not a word of truth in the statement that the Populists are to name the man; that the Republicans will entertain such an idea for an instant. The Populists, it is said, know this, and are only making the demand for purposes of a bluff, in order to get as many concessions as they can from the Republicans.

BLUEBIRDS APPEAR.

Last year there were no bluebirds, and the farmers greatly missed these little harbingers of spring. To their delight, the bluebirds have reappeared. The number of students at Davidson College is now 150, and at Wake Forest 225.

The people in this section are again fortunate in missing the blizzard. Last night was blustery, and to-day the weather is cold but bright. Very little rain fell here.

Labor-Commissioner B. R. Lacy will send to any one who makes request by mail a copy of his interesting report for 1895.

PEARSON AND TILLMAN.

In an address to the Republicans of the Ninth District Congressman Richmond Pearson tells them to go ahead and fuse with the Populists, and to be sure to be extremely liberal to the latter in counting the votes. He says that he intends to take the stump for Senator Pritchard when the time comes. The last judge to make a regular campaign was Sam Watts, in 1874.

There is a considerable increase in the number of cases of grippe at Raleigh. The close season for partridges and most other birds begins March 15th. The slaughter here has been great, and the birds are thinned out.

The State University base-ball team has made dates for games with Yale and Princeton.

Governor Carr offers a reward of \$100 for the capture of Robert Whittaker, of Halifax county, who murdered J. W. Harrill, and who fled from the State.

Mrs. Arrington succeeded to-day in getting a warrant for ex-Judge Siler Whittaker, charging him with perjury. The hearing was held this afternoon. The charge was unsupported, and the case was dismissed.

WINSLOW AGAINST COY. CARR.

Argument in Case Arising from Revocation of Commission.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 12.—In the Supreme Court here to-day argument was begun in the case of Francis Winslow against Governor Carr. Winslow is a retired naval officer, who commanded the North Carolina naval reserve, and whose commission was revoked to that of "for the good of the service." Winslow applied for a permanent injunction to restrain the officer next in command from promulgating the order removing him. The judge refused to grant such injunction, and Winslow appealed. George Rountree, his counsel, argued to-day that the Governor has the power to revoke a commission, save in time of war, unless upon the finding of a court-martial or a court of inquiry. Counsel for the State will argue that there is no precedent in the books for such action as this; that the Governor has power to revoke the commission, as the naval reserves constituted part of the State Guard, are always on a war footing, liable to be called into service at any moment. The revocation of Winslow's commission, it will be further argued, was no discharge, but was due to the fact that he was antagonistic to the Adjutant-General, and his feelings made him insubordinate.

WILSON NEWS.

A Wedding—Preparing for Increased Tobacco Trade.

WILSON, N. C., March 12.—(Special.)—Last evening, at the residence of the bride, Miss Florence Taylor was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Sadler, both of this place. Rev. T. N. Ivey, pastor of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony.

Wilson's tobacco trade will be greatly augmented in next season. Large preparations are already being made to meet the increased trade next fall. Another large warehouse is one of the increased facilities for next season. Nearly 5,000,000 pounds of tobacco are expected to be shipped from the State since the 1st of August, and the market is still active.

MR. CHANLER DENIES.

He is Not Thinking of Marriage at All.

WELDON, N. C., March 12.—(Special.)—J. Armstrong Chanler was here to-day. He says there is no truth in the rumor that he is to marry a cousin of Amelle Rives (Princess Troubetzkoy); nor is he thinking of marriage at all.

Aced Lady Burned to Death.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 12.—This morning, during the absence of the remainder of the family, Mrs. Fannie Ivey, 72 years of age, was burned to death at the home of her son, Henry M. Ivey, general manager of the Seaboard Air-Line. Her body was found by a grandchild on the hearth, so badly burned that she was unrecognizable. It is thought she was removing the blower from the grate and had an attack of vertigo, or was paralyzed.

VENEZUELAN BLUE-BOOK.

The "St. James Gazette" Replies to "Chronicle's" Attack on It.

LONDON, March 12.—The St. James Gazette dissects the article published in the Daily Chronicle attacking the Venezuelan blue-book, and declares it to be "a tissue of perversions and mere lies," and altogether a hasty attempt on the part of Radicals to discredit the British cause.

In the course of its article the Gazette proves that there have been certain loose, careless, and misleading translations introduced into the blue-book, and gives as an instance the dispatch which was sent home to the Centurion, in April, 1870, which, in effect, shows that the Dutch did not hold anything on the Cayman except a settlement at the mouth of that river where it joins the Essequibo.

The Gazette's article concludes by saying that the compilers of the blue-book in the Foreign Office certainly owe the public an explanation.

Cuban War-Fund Provision.

LONDON, March 12.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Pall Mall Gazette says that Premier Canovas del Castillo, after con-

sulting the managers of the Colonial and Barcelona banks, called a meeting of the Cabinet, which decided to secure a monthly subscription of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of prosecuting the war in Cuba, the government to pay 6 per cent. interest thereon. It is hoped by this plan to avoid credit operations abroad.

PROPOSED CUBAN RECOGNITION.

How a Member of Parliament Looks At It.

LONDON, March 12.—Mr. Walford Davis Green (Conservative), member of Parliament for Westbury, has written an article, which is published in the Pall Mall Gazette, on the proposed recognition of the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents by the United States. The United States, he says, has always been on the side of people struggling for freedom, and Spain, he thinks, would make an error if she regarded the recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans as a hostile act. The people of Great Britain, he continues, will bear in mind the essential distinction between recognition of belligerency and recognition of independence.

ITALY'S AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

It is in Future to Be on the Defensive.

ROME, March 12.—Advices received from Africa say King Menelik's army, advancing slowly, has now reached Entotto, midway between Adowa and Adigrat. Communication with Kassala is unbroken. Osman Digma is now at Galu Sit.

The Italia says it understands the government will hereafter act strictly on the defensive in Africa.

It is learned that after the battle at Adowa only 17 per cent. of the Italian army answered to their names at roll-call.

LORD DUNRAVEN PRESIDES.

No Allusion to His Expulsion from New York Yacht Club.

LONDON, March 12.—Lord Dunraven presided over a meeting of the Yacht-Racing Association held to-day to decide upon the details of the new rating system. The expulsion of his Lordship from the New York Yacht Club was not alluded to, but it is understood that Dunraven has received formal notice of his expulsion, and is endeavoring to get it reversed in a letter in which he wrote that he had already expressed his opinion in regard to his remaining a member of the New York Yacht Club in his letter of February 19th.

ENGLISH OFFICERS AND SPAIN.

Tender of Service in Case of War With Us.

LONDON, March 12.—In the House of Commons to-day, Hon. W. S. Broderick, Parliamentary Secretary for the War-Office, stated in reply to a question asked by Dr. Tanner, Nationalist member for Middlesex, that the War-Office knew nothing of a report that English military officers had offered their services to Spain in the event of the occurrence of hostilities between that country and the United States. The penalties of such action, he added, would be enforced, in accordance with the foreign enlistment act.

UNCLE SAM'S "PRETENSIONS."

France Would Like to Help End Spain's Trials.

PARIS, March 12.—The *Revue* says that in view of the exaggerated pretensions of the United States, it appears difficult for European diplomats not to extend their good offices to Spain. In any case, the paper says, the people of France would be pleased to see everything done to end the trials of a sister nation.

Revolution at Stamboul.

PARIS, March 12.—The *Figaro* publishes an article dealing with the fresh disturbances in Armenia, and the policy of blindness and inertia which prevails in the Yildiz palace, in which it says: "According to the *Revue*, the revolution in the palace is imminent, the object of it being to compel recalcitrant members of the palace to adopt ideas of tolerance and progress."

Degrees for Women.

LONDON, March 12.—The senate of the University of Cambridge met to-day and decided that the members of the university should elect a committee to consider under what conditions women may be admitted to degrees.

New Chinese Loan.

PEKING, March 12.—A contract has been signed with an Anglo-German syndicate for a new Chinese loan of \$1,000,000 at 5 per cent. The loan is to be issued at 94.

Italians Fleeing Military Service.

PARIS, March 12.—Italians desirous of escaping military service are flocking into France by every railway train, and there is no diminution of their numbers.

DAMAGES AGAINST THE "WORLD."

Five Thousand Dollars Awarded to Harriet Monroe.

NEW YORK, March 12.—By a decision in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals Harriet Monroe has been awarded \$5,000 against the New York World for unlawfully publishing a poem written by the plaintiff to be delivered on the occasion of the dedication of the Columbian Exposition, or World's Fair, in Chicago.

The case has been before the United States Circuit Court several times, and judgment was rendered against the World on December 18, 1894. An appeal was taken, with the result here stated. Judges Wallace, Lacombe, and Shiplan declared that the World should pay the damages demanded.

Duestrow Sentenced to Death.

UNION, MO., March 12.—Arthur Duestrow, the millionaire who killed his wife and 3-year-old son in St. Louis two years ago, was today sentenced by Judge Hitzel to die on April 23. Duestrow was in court when the sentence was passed. He merely smiled as the Judge named the date for his execution.

After the verdict a quartet left the courtroom in company with Sheriff Terry. He will be returned to the jail in St. Louis for safe-keeping.

Tobacco Warehouse Burned.

LANCASTER, PA., March 12.—The large tobacco warehouse of Walter Kenig was completely destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$3,000; covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

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\$1.50.

\$1 BASKET 100 pairs Ladies' Fine Button Boots, also and slippers—no two pairs alike. Some sold as high as \$4—cut for to-morrow to ONE DOLLAR a pair. B, C, and D widths.

\$2. The Newest Swell Century Tan Laced Shoes for Ladies only \$2.

\$1. Great Wearing Shoes for Boys and Girls at \$1.00.

We are first to have NEW COMPLETE STOCK OF TAN SHOES in Richmond.

SHOE STORE, 607 Broad Street.

DOWN BY THE SEA.

A Verdict of Accident—Charter Granted—Reception.

NORFOLK, VA., March 12.—(Special.)—The jury of inquest in the case of the killing of the young man, Thomas Barnes, in Norfolk county, last Sunday, assembled again this afternoon at the office of High-Constable Hayes, and decided that the deceased came to his death by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of William Johnson. The affair occurred at the residence of Postmaster W. F. Johnson, at Ocean View, about 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, while Mr. Johnson was in Norfolk. The two young men, Barnes and Johnson, were each about 19 years of age, and the best of friends.

CHARTER GRANTED.

To-day Judge Hancock chartered the Southern Land Company, with the following officers: G. M. Serpell, president; J. W. Perry, vice-president; H. L. Pace, secretary and treasurer; the above and Judge M. L. Euse, Captain E. H. Cunningham, C. W. Kellinger, and Robert Johnson, directors. The minimum capital is \$5,000, and the maximum, \$10,000.

The twentieth annual session of the Grand Conclave of the Order of Heptasophus of Virginia, will convene at Great Bridge on the fourth Tuesday of the present month.

A RECEPTION.

At the Young Men's Christian Association to-night a reception was tendered by the members to the new Board of Directors. The affair, which included a banquet, speech-making, and music, was largely attended, and thoroughly enjoyable. Mayor C. W. Pettit was toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by several of Norfolk's best citizens.

The Norfolk Circuit Court was engaged to-day with the case of B. F. Walters vs. the Cottage Lot-Bridge Company, an action for \$5,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that the company, which is a natural ravine, causing an overflow of water on the plaintiff's land. Captain J. W. Happer and Mr. H. L. Worthington represent the plaintiff. Mr. G. M. Dillard appearing for the defence.

A CURIOUS TURN.

In the case of Ida Skeen—A Stabbing Affray.

DANVILLE, VA., March 12.—(Special.)—The case of the Commonwealth against Ida Skeen (colored), indicted as an accessory before the fact for murder, she having gotten the pistol for George Evans with which he killed Deputy-Sheriff Cook, took a peculiar turn. The Corporation Court this afternoon before the sixteenth venireman could be obtained. Counsel for the prisoner raised the point that the venireman should be questioned as to whether they had formed and expressed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of George Evans, the murderer. The Court at first overruled the point, but after examining authorities decided it was admissible. The fifteen men were then questioned, and fourteen answered that they had both formed and expressed an opinion. All were immediately directed to select a jury in Danville, the Sheriff was directed to summon a venire from Halifax county.

STABBED HIM.

Messrs. Randolph Mead and Robert Neal had a difficulty yesterday, and to-day as Mead started to go into the post-office Neal drew a knife and plunged it into the head and arm of Mead, inflicting serious but it is not thought fatal injuries. Mr. Mead received, as quickly as possible, medical attention. Neal was arrested and bailed for his appearance in court.

RELEASED.

Frank Irion, of Texas, a fugitive from justice, and who gave himself